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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: "Rusty Blue Bags"

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1. You and I may run the risk of incurring [ ]  
[ ] wrath as I respond to the question you properly  
put to me in your note of 22 December.

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2. Last week, in what I understand to be a forceful  
conversation, [ ] directed [ ] of OTS to  
undertake immediate procurement of the bags. [ ] further  
directed [ ] to "do this without any coordination with  
DDA." Inasmuch as Dave was not enjoined to secrecy, he  
informed me of the matter.

3. At my request, Dave's people have had the manu-  
facturer of the bags undertake a study to see if they  
could be made more tamper proof. They also were pursuing  
several other devices that could possibly serve the same  
purpose.

4. It would appear, then, the current status is that  
the bags are under order. On the date of this memorandum,  
I am asking Dave [ ] to furnish you a separate report.

/s/ Jack

John F. Blake

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